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Appellant: Timothy L. Hoopman et al.  
Application No: 09/955,604  
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Hearing Docket: A  
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Dear Sir:

This paper supplements the response to the "Notice of Hearing" mailed June 23, 2006.

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As confirmed in the attached paper, Applicant waives attendance at the hearing.  
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